



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS

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✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ✠

Sunday 6th April 2025

Sunday cycle of readings: Year C

Weekday cycle of readings: I

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Sun 6th	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (First Sunday of Passiontide)	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS (Divine Worship) 5.30pm Evening Prayer	John Shiner RIP The People of the Parish
Mon 7 th	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer 7.30pm Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration	Hannah & Wallace Hall RIP
Tues 8 th	Feria	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 4.45-5.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Robert Donnelly RIP
Wed 9 th	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass (with the whole school) 10.30am Stations of the Cross 7.00pm Solemn Evensong & Benediction	John Wickham
Thurs 10 th	Feria	5.30pm Evening Prayer 6.15-6.45pm Confessions 6.45pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Mass (Divine Worship)	Christine Tyler
Fri 11 th	Feria	7.00am Adoration 7.30am Mass	Arthur & Gertrude Midgely RIP
Sat 12 th	Feria	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass (with a Lenten address) 10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	Katrine Caldwell RIP
Sun 13th	PALM SUNDAY	9.30am MASS 11.15am SOLEMN MASS Both Masses with Blessing of Palms & Procession 5pm Evening Prayer (Note the earlier time) 6.30pm Churches Together Service	Kevin & Janet Morris (birthdays) The People of the Parish

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Theme of today's readings: God prepares the way

First reading *Isaiah 43:16-21* The people of God, condemned to exile in Babylon, received hope from the book of the prophet Isaiah, written a century and a half earlier. Isaiah told them that the time would come when they could let go of the sad events of the past, which had led to their exile through his divine judgment. In the future they would look to God's promise of restoration as he prepared the way for their return to their "Promised Land," just as he did during the Exodus liberation when he opened a path through the Red Sea on their journey out of Egypt.

Psalms 126 As pilgrims journeyed to the holy city of Jerusalem, they recalled the "coming home" and restoration of the covenant people to their "Promised Land" after the Babylonian exile. Just as the returning exiles were joyous in travelling the way God prepared for them to return from Babylon to Jerusalem, the pilgrims experienced a joyful journey to God's holy city of Jerusalem to worship in his Holy Temple.

Second reading *Philippians 3:8-14* St. Paul calls for unshakable faith in God to guide us on the path to eternal salvation in the "Promised Land" of heaven. Paul tells us to forget about the hardships we have endured in the past and to push forward on our journey of faith. He assures Christians that we travel the path God has prepared for us with the promise that no matter what our struggles, the trials we endure are worth the prize at the end of our journey: our eternal salvation in Christ Jesus. God prepares us for a new Exodus liberation. He redeems us from bondage to sin and death through the sacrificial death and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Gospel *John 8:1-11* The Pharisees tested Jesus by asking him to judge the case of a woman accused of adultery. Her choices may have caused her suffering, but that does not mean that God would not offer her his grace to be restored and forgiven. God can rescue us as he saved her by offering repentance and salvation through the intervention of God the Son. Like the woman caught in adultery, God urges all of us to receive his mercy by repenting of our sins and resolving to sin no more, as he continues to "make a way" for us on our journey to eternal salvation.

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is John Corroon. He can be contacted at sg.allsouls.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 and safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Please take this sheet away with you for Mass times this week, upcoming events and general information.

A WARM WELCOME to Mass today, especially to anybody joining us for the first time. Please introduce yourself to the clergy and if you're able, stay for refreshments in the parish room.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN For the benefit of parents and parishioners, if young children become restless during Sunday Mass, parents are encouraged to make use of the **livestreaming of the Mass on the smart screen in the parish room**. Thank you. There are also some child-friendly Christian books in the parish room – about the Mass, for young children and parents to enjoy. **Parents are also reminded that they are responsible for the safety of their children whilst in church.**

PASTORAL LETTER Today the Archbishop addresses all the faithful of the archdiocese with a pastoral letter.

BLESSING OF CROSSES Children in school have been busy making crosses for their homes ready for Holy Week and Easter. Fr Paul will bless these at the end of the 9.30 Mass today.

AN HOUR WITH THE LORD A number of Catholics, pilgrims of hope, will meet at All Souls **each Saturday at 2pm** to pray for the spiritual renewal of our parishes and the Church in our country. All are very welcome to join them.

WAY OF THE CROSS – PILGRIMS OF HOPE A number of families of the Tamil chaplaincy will be making a Way of the Cross pilgrimage on **Saturday 12th April** in spiritual preparation for Holy Week. The pilgrimage involves visits to churches across Coventry, Kenilworth and Leamington Spa. **They will be visiting All Souls at around 11am** and spending about half an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Please come to welcome and join them. Benediction will be given at a slightly later time than usual that day.

WeBelieve, 25th-28th July 2025, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webeliefefestival.com

CENTENARY CONCERT OF FAURE'S REQUIEM To celebrate the centenary of our church, which was built as a memorial to those killed in the Great War of 1914-1918, the Coventry Philharmonic Choir will perform Faure's Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine at All Souls at **5.30pm on Saturday 21st June**. Tickets priced £8 and will be available after Easter. There will be refreshments in the parish room afterwards. Please do come along to what is sure to be a lovely occasion.

PRAYERFUL READING OF SCRIPTURE Read and reflect prayerfully on the upcoming Sunday's Bible readings with other parishioners after Mass on Tuesdays in the parish room.

RECENTLY DEPARTED Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: **Bernard Gallen** (Funeral Mass 10am Wednesday 30th April), **Simon Hayes**, **Kevin Shakespeare** (Funeral Mass at Christ the King at 12noon on Friday 11th April), **David Atkinson**.

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENTEN LUNCH this Tuesday at **St. Barbara's**, Rochester Road, at 12noon.

CHURCHES TOGETHER PALM SUNDAY SERVICE There will be a Churches Together service at 6.30pm on **Palm Sunday, 13th April**, here at All Souls. It will take the form of a meditation on the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION The 8th session is **Monday 28th April**, 6.30-7.15pm in the parish room.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION The 6th session is on **Monday 7th April**, 6.30-7.15pm in the parish room.

Parents are reminded of the need for frequent attendance at Sunday Mass as part of their child's preparation.

HYMNS AT 9.30am MASS

Ent 206 Offertory 920 Communion 842 Rec 200

Ps. What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

HOLY WEEK BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

The full schedule of Holy Week services is displayed in church.

Palm Sunday 13th 9.30am Mass 11.15am Solemn Mass

Maundy Thursday 17th 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 18th 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 19th 8.30pm The Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 20th 9.30am Mass 11.15am Solemn Mass

EASTER CONFESSION There is a suggested examination of conscience leaflet available at the back of church to help prepare for sacramental confession (Reconciliation) this Easter.

EASTER LILIES You are invited this year to 'sponsor' an **Easter lily in memory of a departed loved one**. The names of those being remembered will be displayed by the Easter Garden in the Sacred Heart chapel. To sponsor a lily please use the envelopes at the back of church. Suggested minimum donation of £5 per lily. Please place your envelope in the offertory at Mass or hand in to the sacristy or post through the presbytery letterbox.

EASTER MONDAY MASS 10am at St. Osburg's with Bishop Richard Walker, for the deanery.

HELP DEFEAT THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL AT ITS THIRD READING Please take a card – **Help us to live, not to die** – from the back of church and send it ASAP to your Member of Parliament urging them to attend Parliament for the Third Reading of the Assisted Suicide Bill **on or soon after 25th April** and to **VOTE AGAINST IT**. Lord Alton and Baroness Campbell urge us to act: *Our nation stands at a critical juncture regarding how we value human life, particularly the lives of people in the most vulnerable situations. If this significant proposal to introduce assisted suicide becomes law, thousands of individuals will be placed at risk in the coming years. It is, therefore, imperative that this Assisted Suicide Bill is defeated at its Third Hearing. One of the most effective ways to persuade MPs to oppose this dangerous Bill is through physical letters or postcards sent from constituents asking them to vote "no" to the Bill.*

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE Join the Candlelight Prayer vigil for Life organised by March for Life UK at 7pm on **Sunday 27th April (Divine Mercy Sunday)** in Victoria Square, Birmingham to remember the 57th anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. Please come and join in this peaceful, prayerful time of reflection with speeches from Christian leaders as we recall the lives lost and wounded from the legalisation of abortion. No need to bring posters or candles. For more info go to marchforlife.co.uk Be a pilgrim of hope in the Jubilee year and give hope to the unborn.

MONDAY HOLY HOURS IN LENT

7.30-8.30pm, with silence, prayers, reflections and hymns drawing on the themes and scripture readings of the previous Sunday. An opportunity to **contemplate the face of Jesus our Saviour and the mystery of his love**.

Monday 7th April **Jesus: source of forgiveness and grace**

Monday 14th April **Jesus moves towards his glorious Passion**

THE SACRED HEART LAMP

burns this week for

Bernard Gallen RIP

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

Our school

To request a lamp please fill out an envelope at the back of church